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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEP CULT MIN POPOV

REF: MOSCOW 5099

1. POPOV AND POLYAKOV DEPARTED MOSCOW ON TIME APRIL FIFTEEN. ACAO SAW PAIR OFF AT AIRPORT AND WAS INFORMED THAT FLIGHT FROM MONTREAL TO NEW YORK THIS EVENING HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM AC 754 TO EA 531 RPT EA 531, WHICH LEAVES MONTREAL AT 1940 AND, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMATION, ARRIVES JFK AT 2159. POPOV SAID HE WAS PLEASED CU/ARTS DIRECTOR CORIDEN WILL MEET.

2. AS GROUP WALKED TO SPECIAL BUS TO TAKE THEM TO AIRCRAFT, ACAO EXPLAINED TO POPOV PAO'S ABSENCE WAS DUE TO OFFICIAL LUNCH. POPOV SAID "NICHIVO," AND ASKED ACAO TO THANK PAO FOR LATTER'S HELP IN ARRANGING VISIT FROM THIS SIDE, CITING HIS BELIEF "GOOD CONTACTS" HAD BEEN MADE. HE THEN EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE THAT POLYAKOV WAS ACCOMPANYING HIM ON HIS JOURNEY: "SUCH A NICE YOUNG MAN WHO KNOWS AMERICA WELL."

3. FYI: POLYAKOV APPEARS TO SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH, BUT WAS RELIEVED WHEN ACAO TOLD HIM DEPT PROVIDING ESCORT-INTERPRETER, SINCE HE WAS NOT PROFESSIONAL INTERPRETER. POPOV APPEARS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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READ AND UNDERSTAND ENGLISH SOMEWHAT BUT IS RELUCTANT TO

SPEAK.

4. THIS MORNING POPOV LEARNED THAT HIS SON, A DIPLOMAT IN
HELSINKI, HAD BEEN IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AND WILL HAVE
TO STAY IN HOSPITAL THERE ABOUT TEN DAYS. POPOV WANTS TO
KEEP APPRISED OF HIS SON'S CONDITION WHILE IN USA BUT WILL
PRESUMABLY DO THIS THROUGH SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON AND CONGEN
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